

REMARKS


The claims are 15 and 16. The non-elected claims are cancelled without prejudice to applicants' rights thereto.

Claim 10 has been found allowable. Claims 8 and 9 have been re-drafted as 15 and 16 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 10.

It is requested that the amendment be entered and that the case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

Novartis Corporation
Patent and Trademark Dept.
564 Morris Avenue
Summit, NJ 07901-1027


Gabriel Lopez
Attorney for Applicants
Reg. No. 28,440
(908) 522-6933

Date: 9/6/02

RECEIVED

SEP 11 2002

TECH CENTER 1600/2900